



New on the **WEB** – Pass it on

DIY discipleship: using ROOTS to enable people to explore and develop their faith

Resourcing the Church for worship and learning

At the start of this year, we introduced our new approach to the lectionary: 'to support discipleship by encouraging the development of biblical literacy using the lectionary to read through a whole gospel each year to perceive the "big story".' See the article at the beginning of Issue 75 and on the **WEB** (link on the *Month by month* pages).

We shall be exploring each gospel writer's distinctive voice, supported by notes on the time, context and purpose of their writing. We aim to help bring these texts to life today, in our present generation, so that they can once more be a source of wisdom and insight for individuals and communities.

Not just on Sunday...but through the week

The weekly materials offer varied ways to present the readings, suitable for different ages and spiritual preferences, and diverse ways to unpack them, either led by preachers and teachers, or through working together in groups. Whether or not you've used ideas in a service or group on a Sunday, they are a rich resource for individuals or groups during the week, e.g. house groups, youth groups, the housebound, care homes, toddler groups and school assemblies.

That's why we've gathered extracts from both *Adult & All Age* and *Children & Young People* together on one page on the website each week, so that it's easy to copy and pass them on. Sharing the resources with your community will help improve their awareness and understanding of the Bible. And this will empower them to:

- join the conversation about Scripture that has been going on since it was written
- articulate what they've discerned
- have the confidence and opportunity to say something about their response
- take individual responsibility for reading the Bible
- keep the conversation going between Sundays
- enable these understandings to impact and influence their everyday lives.

Over to you...

The *Pass it on* page is available to all subscribers, so even if you don't have a subscription to both magazines, you'll be able to get these extracts and share them. Please include the acknowledgement to ROOTS that appears with each extract:

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We'd love to hear about how you share these resources and what response you've had. Do get in touch with us.

Pass it on page at a glance

To help the listener Appears in the AAA magazine in *Open the Word*.

- People can get more out of reading the passages for themselves with these notes on the context.
- Share on a weekly bulletin, church website, etc. Use in (weekly) Bible study groups.

Bible notes The *Short* version is from CYP and the *Long* version is from AAA.

- These notes and insights aren't just for leaders!
- Share before or after hearing the reading in worship. Use in a Bible study group or youth group. Distribute to people who can't get to the service.

PostScript Written afresh each week and appears on the ROOTS website by Thursday morning.

- Reflection and comment linking the readings to current news and events, helping to see the relevance of the gospels today.
- Share after the Sunday service or use in house/youth groups.

Selected prayers Typically a personal prayer, a way into prayer, a prayer for all ages together and a children's prayer.

- These prayers support individual and family prayer life during the week.
- Print/email them in a bulletin; post on your church website.

Live in faith Appears at the end of each week's resources.

- These are suggestions, linked to this week's Bible reading, for putting faith into action.
- Print/email them in a bulletin, post on your church website.

Children's Sheet Appears on the website each week, including a Welsh language version.

- Aimed at 5–9-year-olds to use on their own or with their families, offering a question to ponder, a picture to colour, activities, a prayer, and a related book/film.
- Print it out for families to take away; email it to families each week.

Picture pointers Appears on the website each week in the *Explore & respond* section.

- A picture from the resources with questions for reflection and discussion.
- Use in a house group; include on a weekly bulletin.

How to share the extracts

Highlight and copy the text directly from the web page. You can paste it into documents you can print out or email, or even put it on your church website. Please include the acknowledgement to ROOTS that appears with each extract.